

ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council held on Thursday, 17 November 2022 at 7.30 p.m., in Bridgham and Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

Present: Councillors: Sarah Gosling (Chairman), Louise Martin, Dudley Stammers.
Julian Gibson (Clerk).

Absent: Shona Fairchild, Brendan Larwood, Andrew Nelstrop.

1. **Apologies for absence** None.
2. **Declarations of interest.** None.
3. **Dispensations.** None.
4. **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1. The Chairman noted that the white lining through Harling Road had recently been refreshed, and Cllr. Martin said she had cut the hedge round the Roudham Village Sign.
 - 4.2. **The old Mill, Harling Road.** It was reported that the racking which was part of the refused application no. 3PL/2022/0875/F was still being used up to a height of 3m (which is the limit that they are permitted to pile materials elsewhere on the site) while they consider lodging an appeal against the refusal.
5. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20 October 2022, were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising.** None.
 - 6.1. [6.1, Minutes of 21 July 2022] **40 mph speed limit between Haring Road and East Harling.** The NCC Highway Engineer has said that he hoped that this work would be scheduled for December, but failing this would definitely be done by the end of the financial year.
7. **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 31 October 2022.
 - 7.2. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1 31 October 2022.
 - 7.3. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 1 31 October 2022.
 - 7.4. *Clerks & Councils Direct* - November 2022.
8. **Planning.**
 - 8.1. **3PL/2022/0988/F: Land at Watton Road, Larling.** Residential development of 3 dwelling houses. It was **noted** that this application had been withdrawn.
9. **Planning issues.** The Chairman reported on her meeting with Breckland Councillor William Nunn and Simon Wood, Breckland Director of Planning and Building Control, saying that she learned a lot about the planning process, and she felt that this would assist her when she next was called on to speak at a Planning Committee. She suggested that perhaps some councillors would benefit from a better knowledge of the planning process. The Clerk advised that Norfolk Association of Local Councils does provide Planning training, and the Chairman and Cllr. Martin said they would be interested in doing this.
10. **Casual vacancy.** Members were reminded of their duty to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr. Ingles as soon as practicable.
11. **Possible reduction in speed limit on B1111 between A11 Junction and Harling Road.** The Clerk had asked County Cllr, Steve Askew whether he would support such a speed limit, and he had forwarded the request to the Highway Engineer, who had responded that these were governed by his council's Speed Management Strategy. He pointed out that the process for making a change was costly and time consuming (as with the example under item 6.1 above).

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Primarily they consider such changes where a new development changes the character of the highway, and there is clear evidence of road safety hazards, as evidenced by the accident data. In this location the Clerk had found that there were only two reported accidents in the years between 2016-2020, and these were both minor. Therefore, the Engineer was satisfied that the existing national speed limit was still appropriate. The Council agreed that it had to accept this, unless the situation changed. The Clerk suggested that the Council was lucky to get the other limit restriction agreed, but this was because, (a) there was a footway running between the two settlements, and (b) the cost was principally being met by the applicant as a condition to approval of development at St George's Distillery.

12. **Barradale Farm, Larling.** Cllr. Stammers said he had taken a look, and noticed that an area had been fenced off, and that this might be related to application 3PL/2019/1127/F for construction of a reservoir.
13. **Clerk's salary.** An advice note from the National Association of Local Councils was **received** which confirms that the 2022-23 National Salary Award has been agreed at a flat rate of an additional £1.00/hour across all grades. This means that the Clerk's salary will rise to £13.70/hour, or £2,959.20 p.a. The Clerk pointed out that the agreement also included award of an additional day's leave, bringing the total to 26 (pro rata). In 2016, when the Council last assessed the number of hours needed to do the Clerk's job, the holiday allowance was only 21 days. It was accepted that the Council therefore needed to increase the hours it paid to ensure that the correct number could be taken as paid leave in accordance with the contract and legislation. The Clerk will make the calculation and bring a proposal to a future meeting.
14. **Finance.**
 - 14.1. **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque no, 100503 for £190.00 to Cllr. Stammers be signed, in reimbursement for his having paid Walnut Tree Garden Nursery for two trees to form part of the Queen's Green Canopy. (Public Health Act 1875 s. 164 & *Local Government Act 1972*, Sch. 14 para. 27)
 - 14.2. **Monthly Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2022 was **received**.
15. **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Budget & Precept 2023-24.
16. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as being as Thursday, 5NDecember 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

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Sarah Gosling, Chairman

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Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 15 December 2022
Thursday, 19 January 2023
Thursday, 16 February 2023
Thursday, 16 March 2023

Note: Meetings will only be called if there is business to discuss which cannot wait until the following scheduled meeting date.